Criminal and Sensational.

The criminal and sensational events of the year make a record of which Windham county is not proud, but crimes were not as numerous or startling as in the two pre-

An attempt to rob the post-office at Townshend was made on the night of Feb. 2. Milo Gray, formerly of Bellows Falls and Westminster West, pleaded guilty at Woodsville, N. H., March 24, to the charge of murdering his wife at Landaff, N. H., in 1891 and was sentenced to 18 years of hard labor in state prison. A bogus oculist performed an operation for cataract on Mrs. J. T. Noyes of Guilford in April and received \$100 in payment. Chief of Police Hall captured Will Har-

rington April 16, the latter having escaped from a Massachusetts penal institution 13 years ago. A family row between Rud-yard Kipling, the novelist, and his brother-Beatty Balestier, was aired in court in April. Balestier was placed under bonds in the sum of \$400 to keep the peace. An imposter who styled himself as A. H. Barnes of New York swindled W. W. Cook of Brattleboro out of \$100 in May, by getting him to sign a draft for that amount. E. B. Pratt was arrested in Brattleboro, May 25, for old debts. He was wanted also in Bellows Falls and Fall River, F. R. Cobb of Athol, son of A. R. Cobb of Brat-

tleboro, was shot by G. M. Fry the last of May, but has recovered. Mary Cunningham of New York, a 12-year-old niece of Rev. Father Cunningham of Brattleboro, was strangled to death in a tenement house in New York, May 30, by a villain who attempted to outrage her. Mrs. A. F. Boomer eloped from Putney in January with John Bryant, the Putney "lilac." S. W. Estey of West Dummerston was robbed of \$46 and a gold watch on July 24 by John Moyulhan, a box environment house Raponda hotel owned by C. D. Spencer and E. E. Wheeler of Wilmington, valued at \$15,000, was burned with contents Dec. 27. Moynihan, a boy employed by him, who was caught in Boston the same day.

The body of Joshua Chief Webber was found in the hay loft of H. R. Brown's livery stable July 30. Harry Dudley and Adonis Bovey, 10-year-old boys of Brattle-boro, confessed to the theft of \$37 from George Wilson of Richardson's meat market, Aug 4, and were sent to the Vermont industrial school. James Lewis, who stole bicycles in Putney, Bondville and other places, was arrested in Palmer, Mass., in August and was taken to the Bennington The lower meat market of W. F. Richardson & Co. of Brattleboro was burglarized Sept. 15, and \$10 in money taken. Ira H. Knight, formerly of Brat-tleboro, was arrested in Concord, N. H., Sept. 23, charged with a fraudulent use of He was convicted at Boston Nov. 11, and sentenced to 18 months' im-

A murderous assault was made at Monson, Mass., Sept. 26, upon Rev. James Tufts, a native of Wardsboro. "Col." W. A. H. Sillowaye, the Grand Army fraud, who has previously been exploited in The Phoenix appeared in West Farms, N. Y., er in connection with a campaign tleboro, shot a former employe, Daniel Marston, in the thigh, at Chesterfield, Oct. 2, when Marston attempted to break into his house. A human skeleton known citizens who have passed away are was found on the Farr farm in Westmins-O. L. Miner, Irvin Brown, Sumner Pratt,

Ida Canedy, two young Wilmington girls Nov. 23, and were married in Hinsdale, N. H. Mary Walker and a burly negro named Monroe Jones, who eloped from Dalton, Mass., were arrested in Whitingham, Dec The negro was placed under \$500 bonds.

Fatalities. James Davis, employed by the Fall

Mountain Paper company at Bellows Falls, was crushed by a 700-pound roll of Denison card stock, Jan. 9. J. C. Kiniry of Bellows Falls fell through a bridge into the Connecticut river, March 1, and was drowned. Ira Gale of South Windham fell 12 feet through a barn floor, April 19, and was fatally injured. Herbert S. Crowell of Brattleboro shot himself at Mount Hermon school Gill Mass. Marti. Alfeed E. mon school, Gill, Mass., May 6. Alfred F. of Brattleboro took his own life, by hanging, while in a state of de-William E. Gates of Bellows litted suicide by inhaling chloay 23. Fred H. Holden of Belows Falls, while riding a bicycle, June 13, collided with a team and sustained a frac-ure of the skull. The saddest accident while riding a bicycle, June 13. ever happened in Cambridgeport was drowning, on July 11, of Lillian and abelle, daughters of Rev. F. D. Good-, while bathing in Saxtons River. Guy Taylor of Brattleboro, brakeman, was mly killed by striking a railroad bridge the Wellington, Conn., July 23. Edward A. Tyler, proprietor of the Brooks House, and Mrs. Tyler were drowned in inecticut river, July 29, while baths drowned in the Connecticut river pposite East Putney, August 9. Kenneth, hree-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George ollins of Brattleboro, fell from a buggy, August 15, and was fatally injured. Alexander Eustis, a former Brattleboro boy, was capsized in a boat near Taunton, Mass., and drowned, Aug. 22. Barney Breslin of Brattleboro met a tragic death in the railroad yard, Aug. 28, being struck by an engine while saving the lives of two children. John Daniels, a former Grafton boy, committed suicide at Guthrie, Oklama, Sept. 23. William Davin of Brattleboro was thrown from a freight car at Worcester, Mass., November 30, and in-stantly killed. John Eagan, formerly of Bestleboro Brattleboro, jumped from a train in Spring-

w London division of the Central Ver-nt railroad at Eagleville, Conn., Dec. 4, hich Engineer Otis Hall, Fireman Ben-Hall and Brakeman Warren Thomas ttleboro, were instantly killed. Giovsti, an Austrian, employed at Mar-tis's time kiln in Whitingham, was feet and killed, Dec. 5, by the explosion of dynamite which he

field, Mass., Nov. 27, and received fatal in-

A freight wreck occurred on the

Fires.

fire loss in the county has been one isual proportions, aggregating about 90. H. W. Leach's house, barn and barn in Westminster were burned ry causing a loss of \$4000. The use in West Dummerston was o February, loss \$3000. Fire mage to Wilcox & Gallup's in Brattleboro in June. The fire in Brattleboro in 13 15,000 to \$20,000 worth The buildings tory block owned by and L. E. Stratd the old Melrose

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small house owned by Clark Chase in Bellows Falls and valued at \$1500 was burned filled engagements in grand opera in Co-July 2. Sparks from a portable engine started a fire on the farm of G. H. and H. G. Clark of Brattleboro, Sept. 10, which consumed three barns and contents valued at \$4000. Fire in the Green street mill of the Fall Mountain Paper company of Bellows Falls caused a loss of \$1500 on Sept.

The East Eagle brewery at the foot of Wantastiquet mountain went up in smoke the night of Oct. 25. It was valued at \$2500. A \$1500 fire occurred in Wilmington, Nov. 2, when sparks from a stove set fire to L. P. Copeland's mill. Two incen-diary fires occurred in Brattleboro Nov. 18: W. A. Dutton's marble and granite shop was damaged \$500 and the Valley Grain company's storehouse on Flat street \$2500. The third disastrous fire in 10 years in Townshend destroyed C. C. Ta't's threestory building used as a hotel and store Nov. 22; loss \$7000. Just a month later Townshend was visited by a \$20,000 fire, which consumed S. H. Sherman's store building, the store and dwelling of F. H. Ober, the dwelling of H. W. Sanders and the Grey block owned by Nelson Winslow and D. F. Boutell, three stores being burned and eight families made homeles William and Mary Martin's one and a half story house on Elliot street, Brattleboro was destroyed Nov. 23, valued at \$1500. The explosion of a lantern in Grafton Nov. 30, caused a fire which destroyed the house and barn owned by Mrs. N. Thompson; loss \$2000. Another fire in Grafton the following day burned White & Wil-bur's saw mill, with contents, involving a loss of \$4000. The old wood-working mill and barn belonging to the estate of E. C. Tenney of Grafton was burned Dec. 16.

A \$1000 fire occurred in Halifax Nov 30, when the Gleason house, occupied by D. D. Pratt, was burned. Another \$1000 loss was caused by the burning of two barns with contents, Dec. 18, owned by Kendall Winchester of Dummerston.

The freshet in March assumed dangerous proportions, after a rainfall of nearly two inches in two days. The water was within two feet of the highest point ever recorded—in 1862—thousands of acres of meadow lands in the Connecticut valley were inundated, and the Brattleboro bridge was in great danger. During the freshet J. C. Kiniry fell through the railroad bridge at Bellows Falls and was drowned, On the Brattleboro & Whitehall railroad there were several washouts, the roadbed was covered with ice for many rods and impassable for several days. A. F. Wilox's saw mill in Westminster West colapsed in a wind storm in January. An avalanche of snow in Slab Hollow, Dummerston, in February, swept everything before it in a path ten rods wide. Perry's mill in Stratton collapsed in a violent

Necrology.

Brattleboro mourns the loss of some of per most prominent residents during the previously been exploited in The appeared in West Farms, N. Y., er in connection with a campaign Burton C. Thatcher, well known that a former arreless. Dowlar of the Mariboro district; Geo. S. Dowlar versident of the Version version. Dowley, president of the Vermont national bank; Geo. W. Baker of the White Sewing Machine company. Other wellter in November. It is supposed to have been that of an idiot who mysteriously disappeared about 100 years ago.

Judson Stafford and Walter Wilder of Wilmington eloped with Mabel Ballou and

Among those once residents of Brattleoro who have died are Rev. Dr. George P. Tyler of Lansingburg, N. Y., a forme pastor of the Congregational church and prother of the late Judge Royall Tyler Moses Woolson, formerly principal of the Brattleboro High school, at Boston; Alva 6. Hubbard at Denver, Colo.: Lieut. Geo. W. Tyler at Washington, D. C.; Dr. C. P. Frost, dean of Dartmouth medical college Mountain Paper company at Bellows Falls. at Hanover, N. H.; Prof. Elle Charlier at Geneva, Switzerland; ex-Congressman Ez-ta Clark, a native of Brattleboro, at Hartford, Conn.; H. A. Goodenough of West Brattleboro, at Easthampton, Mass.

A long list of well-known Windham county men have passed away. Amos T. Bali, Athens; William Hastings, Hiram M. Whitney, Brookline; Hon. F. P. Ball of the firm of Derby & Ball, Henry F. King, Benjamin L. Shaw, Bellows Fails, F. H. Whittaker, East Dover; Austin Whittaker, East Dover; Austin Weatherhead, John L. Salisbury, Representative John L. Bullock, Guilford; Wesley Gilson, Grafton; Chester O. Thurber, L. M. Woodard, Halifax; Dr. Alvin Bai-West Halifax; Postmaster Gr. Holton, Asa Johnson, Jamaica: Elihu Park, F. O. Burditt, F. A. Fish, Newfane; Benjamin P. Brown, Jacksonville; O. P. Newell, South Londonderry; Noah Pratt, D. E. Graves, Putney; Deacon John H. Ramsay, Saxtons River; Willard Simpson, Martin Lowe, Nathan Hastings, J. J. Dale, Deacon George S. Hobart, Towns-hend; Artemas H. Washburn, Fred Brown, Lorenzo Brown, Vernon; Deacon John McNeil, Deacon R. S. Safford, Ivah N. Farr, Westminster; Sydney Campbell, Ho-mer Goodhue, West Westminster; George W. Lamb, Alanson Miles, Williamsville; Arvine Boyd, Warren Boyd, Oscar W. Boyd, Hosea Mann, sr., Chandler F. Well-man, Wilmington; Deacon Nelson Kingsbury, Windham; A. W. Ciayton, South Windham.

Other former Windham county men who have died are Horatio N. Houghton of Sheffield, Ill., a native of Marlboro; Will Sanderson of Sioux City, Ia, Walter W. Pierce, one of the landmarks of Polo, Ill., Engineer Burton L. Wilbur of Springfield, Mass., all of Putney; Arthur H. Kenney of Newfane at Colorado Springs; William H. Lynde of Winchester, N. H., George A. Parker, a philanthropic citizen of Troy, N. Y., and John L. Maxwell of Bozeman, Montana, all of Guilford; Hen-ry I. Coughian of Iowa City, Ia., son of Charles Coughlan of Dummerston; George A. Ellis of Detroit, a Dummerston war veteran; George L. Joy, president of the South Riverside Land and Water company of California, a native of Townshend; Judge William Harris Walker of Ludlow, formerly of the supreme court of Vermont, a native of Windham; Ebenezer in Dece Copeland of East Dover, at Pittsfield, nation. Mass.; Dr. Edward A. Stebbins, a promi-nent dentist of Shelburne Falls and a na-brought tive of Brookline; William Wells Bemis, a son of Wardsboro, at Granville, Mass.; Peyton R. Chandler, a Saxtons River boy who became one of Chicago's leading finan-ciers; Perley K. Downer of San Francisco, a veteran Bellows Falls conductor; Israel Hall, one of the pioneer settlers of Scott county, Ia., a native of Halifax, at Davenport, Ia.; Cyrenus S. Parkhurst, a widely known resident of Springfield, Mass., a former West Townshend boy; Eiiot Swan, an old stage driver between Brattleboro and Worcester, died Oct. 31 at

Spencer, Mass. Henry O. Clark, former-

ly a stage driver between Brattleboro and

A. Smith & The Brattleboro prima donnas, Mary of the Boyden Howe Lavin and Harriett Brasor Pratt,

filled engagements in grand opera in Covent Garden, London, and in Geneva and William Lavin made his debut in grand opera at Berlin, April 21. C. W. Wyman of Brattleboro was nominated for lieutenant governor of Vermont at the Prohibition convention at Montpelier in May. Arthur I. Howe of Brattleboro was osen division commander of the Sons of Veterans of Vermont at Manchester Centre, July 2. Rev. C. O. Day received in July a request to become president of Tal-ledega college. Rev. Alian D. Brown of Brattleboro was chosen president of Nor-wich university at Northfield, in Novemer, by a unanimous vote of the trustees. Daniel Perry, a native of Wardsboro, known as the "tall corporal on the right," was elected mayor of Marysville, Ind., in May. At the Republican state convention at Montpelier in April Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro was elected second delegate at large to the national Republican convention at St. Louis. Dr. Holton was also chosen vice president of the state sanitary association at Montpelier Nov. 10, W. H. Childs of Brattleboro was nominated for one of the presidential electors of Vermont at the Democratic state convention at Montpelier May 27. He resigned in July and was chosen one of the state electors for the national Democrats. Rollin S. Childs of Brattleboro was made a Democratic elector. W. H. Minor of Brattleboro was nominated as a district legate to Chicago at Montpelier May 27. Major F. W. Childs was chosen commander of the 4th company of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of Boston in May. Col. Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro was elected grand master of the grand royal arch chapter of Vermont at Burling-

Miscellaneous.

Golden wedding anniversaries have been elebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton Rice, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Piummer, Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Grout, West Brattleboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Weatherhead, Vernon; Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Campbell, Saxtons River; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Babbitt, South Lon-donderry; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Scott, Brattleboro; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morse, South Newfane; Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Barnard, Dummerston; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Crosier, Halifax. Dea. and Mrs. Wilder of Dummerston celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in January. The healing powers which Bradley C. Newell, the famous Vermont "Schlatter,"

claims to possess, were first mentioned in January and have since earned him \$30,-000 besides an almost national reputation. The remodelled town house was thrown open to the public February 1, with imessive services.

At the annual meeting of the Brattleboro Street Railway company in February it was voted to increase the capital stock to \$75,-

The supreme court of Vermont rendered a decision on the Mariboro South pond case in March, reversing the judgment which Judge Taft of the county court directed to be given to the defendant, George Mather, in 1894, and remanded the case to the county court. Final judgment for the de-fendant was rendered Nov. 19.

The Central Vermont railroad was placed in the hands of a receiver in March, through an action of the Grand Trunk company in its suit to settle a difference in traffic bal-

Dedicatory services of the Advent church of Brattleboro were held in April. A caucus decision, placing in nomina-tion a new board of balliffs, was reversed

the Brattleboro Retreat to the state insane ylum at Waterbury. The county convention of the Woman's

Christian Temperance union was held in

Brattleboro June 3-4. The Universalist association of Windham and Bennington counties held its annual convention at Brattleboro June A special town meeting was called June 20 to consider the questions of building a retaining wall in Centreville and of expend ng \$300, in addition to \$600 previously voted, for the purpose of equipping the new town house with electric lighting. The estions were left to the selectmen, who cided them in the affirmative.

The ravages of the army worm in the onnecticut Valley form a part of local history. Its depredations were the in Westminster, where 50 acres of crops

ere destroyed.

The Valley Fair association held a midprovements to buildings. mmer meet July 31, when some interestng races took place.

The 26th annual field day of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial association was held Aug. 13, near the site of old Fort Dummer and was a memorable occasion.

The Vermont Wheel club scored another

cess at its annual race meet, Aug. 28. Although no records were broken there were many excellent features, especially the riding of R. F. Ludwig of Chicopee, Mass., and the close finishes in the professional races. The Brattleboro Jelly company was re-

rganized into a stock company September 5, with a capital of \$40,000. The failure in September of the mort-gage loan firm of A. F. & L. E. Kelley of

Minneapolis was a disaster which was seriously felt in Windham county. Of \$6,000,0000 loaned on real estate over \$1,000, 000 was Windham county money.

Two important suits—those of S. H.

Sherman vs. the Estey Organ company, and Helen B. Clark vs. the Employers' Liability company—were decided by county court in favor of the plaintiffs. The 11th annual Valley Fair, Sept. 30

and Oct. 1, surpassed all previous exhibitions and was the most complete fair of the year in New England. A thousand Republicans were in line in Bellows Falls and again in Brattleboro November, celebrating the election of Mc-

Kinley and Hobart.

It was voted at a special town meeting, Nov. 21, to issue town bonds to the amount of \$50,000, bearing 4 per cent interest. Belows Falls also voted, Dec. 15, \$50,000 bonds to pay the cost of its new High school building.

The New England manufacturers of newspaper stock, including the Fall Mountain paper company of Bellows Falls, held a conference in New York the first week December and decided to form a combi-The Racine Fire Engine company brought suit the first of December against

a comulittee representing the citizens of Putney to recover the price of a chemical Th. Grange Fire Insurance company, chartered by the state legislature, was or-ganized at Brattleboro, Dec. 12, with John E. Gale of Guilford as president.

For the benefit of your family was written on a small package presented to a sufferer. He had insurance, but this package contained Adamson's Cough Balsam and restored him to health after taking a few doses.

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THE BUILDING RECORD.

to 40 New Dwellings Erected in 1896 at a Cost of About \$75,000. Brattleboro's builling record for 1896 is small in comparison with that of the previous year, when \$300,000 was expended. In 1805, however, the electric railroad, the odelled town house and the Farmers' & Mechanics' exchange building were important factors in raising the figures. In the past year there has been no demands ouslness blocks and the 30 or 40 new dwellings which have been erected have been as a rule of moderate cost, so that the total expenditure of the year will only slightly exceed \$75,000. The largest outlay on a single building has been made upon the summer residence

which Rev. E. A. Slack of Brookline, Mass., is building on the north side of Western avenue. This house is three stories high and is situated over a cellar hole blasted out of a ledge and when completed will be one of the finest residences in town. The house of colonial design which Geo.

L. Dunham has erected on North street is a handsome 'structure. O. P ltier has built a good set of buildings on the Alfred Walts. Waite farm on the Putney road. E. H. Van Doorn has finished an attractive twostory house on Chapin street. A conven-lent two-story house has been built by E. Wilson on Forest street. Charles Adams has built a cottage on his land on the road to Newfane. A commodious two-story house is in process of construction on High street by Lucius Richardson. On Washington street C. B. Lauson has built a large two-tenement house. On Central street E. L. Knowlton has built a one and one-half story dwelling. Will Baker on Highland street and C. F. Nason on South Main street have finished houses. Additions to the car barn on Pine street have been made. O. F. Bailey has raised his Canal street house and made other improvements. A large barn on the Clark farm takes the place of the one burned in the fall. W. H. Welcome has considerably improved his South Main street house, Andrew Horton on Canal street has converted a barn into a house and F. D. Brackett has built a barn on Brook street. A two-story building on Flat street has been put up by W. H. Minor. W. G. Rockwell has made extensive repairs on his house on Frost street.

George W. Pierce has built one of the most substantial barns in town on his

farm on the West Dummerston road. In Esteyville.

The growth in Esteyville has been proportionate with that in other parts of the town, L. W. Lord's two-story house on Pleasant street being the most expensive. John Manley has built a cottage on Maple street. C. P. Gilson's large tenement house on Chestnut street has been finished and a new barn built. E. M. Angier is making a house of a shop which he moved on to a foundation. Peter S. Chase has repaired his present buildings and built new out-buildings. L. A. Witt and Marshall Bingham have built new sheds, and H. D. Wellman, C. C. Winchester, Henry Streeter and H. H. Burnett have built out-buildings. The schoolhouse has undergone extensive repairs.

In West Brattleboro.

Building operations in West Brattleboro have been more extensive than in any recent year. Including those finished that were begun last year and those in process of construction there are eight or more dwellings to the credit of that section than improved the former Baptist parsonage barn. He is also constructing two new houses-one a two-story tenement house and the other a cottage dwelling. The Baptist society has bought the old Adkins house and have made a very decided improvement upon it. The old barn has also been removed and a new one built. Mrs. M. C. Goodenough has a new barn nearly completed. Roscoe Fisher is at work upon a one-story house near the one he recently sold. John Nesbitt has built a new barn during the year. There has been a large number of additions and im-

THE RIPLE.

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The Y. M. C. A. bowling team won another vic-tory over the Whetstene aggregation on the asso-ciation alleys Wednesday evening. The work of nearly all of the bowlers showed improvement over that of the previous week. Y. M. C. A.

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Itching piles, night's horrid plague, is instantly relieved and permanently cured by Doan's Oint ment. Your dealer ought to keep it.

The Handsomest Yet.

The Handsomest Yet.

The most beautiful calendar for 1897 comes from Boston. It is eleven by fifteen inches and contains reproductions from cabinet size photographs of Mary Hampton, May Irwin and Mand Adams, the popular actiesses. Its prominent colors are enamel blue and brown enriched by gold, elaborately embossed producing an eiegenst and artistic creation. One of these calendars will be sent to any address if you mention this paper and send ten cents in colo or stamps covering cost of packing and postage to the publishers. The X Zalia Company, 5 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Street Car Men Strike.

The West End Company's Lines in Boston Tied up Over Christmas by the Action of its Employes. Over 3000 men-drivers, conductors and

motormen—employed by the West End street railway company of Boston, struck last Thursday morning because of the fail-ure of President Little of the company to ign an agreement whereby they should not be obliged to work over 10 hours a day. They had been working 11 and 12 hours a day. A delegation from the conductors' and motormens' union held a conference with a committee of the West End directors Wednesday evening at which President Little stated that the sole power to ratify such an agreement as had been sub-mitted to the company was vested in the executive committee of the board of direc-tors; that a majority of said committee was not in the state, nor had there been a majority in the state since the matter came up, equently the signing of the agreement at that time was an utter impossibility. He asked for a week's time in which to obtain an expression of the executive committee's

The union officials were convinced of the truth of President Little's statement, and consented to hold their strike order in abey-ance for one week, pending a decisive answer to their demands from the executive committee of the West End directors.

The men declared that the company only desired delay in order to bring men from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to take their places, and went out, a division at a time, until the supreme council was obliged to order a general strike, as they had agreed to act as a unit. Coming just at Christmas the strike was a great inconvenience to thousands of residents of the outlying districts, and the steam cars were crowded to an extent which became absolutely dangerous. The strikers began to weaken before night and most of them returned to work Friday morning, the strike having been declared off by the supreme council of the union. They were obliged, however, to take their places in turn and below whatever new men had been put on.

A Big New York Fire.

Fire broke out in New York Friday morning on East Thirty-third street and destroyed Sebastian Sohmer's piano warehouse, the New York polyclinic hospital, a large five story brick tenement at 209 East Thirty-third street and a large five-story factory building. One hundred people were rendered homeless and the loss is nearly \$1,000,000. The piano warehouse occupied a fourth of the block, and the front of 50 feet on East Thirty-fourth

Two Men Frozen to Death.

Levis H. James and John Branzell, oystermen of Annapolis, Md., were frozen to death Thursday. They left Annapolis in a batteau for Magothy river. When near Sandy point the craft capsized. They threw off their outer clothing and shoes and swam to shore, but James sank exhausted at the water's adve. Brayvall hausted at the water's edge. Branzell made his way nearly a mile through the snow, but also succumbed to the severe weather when within a few hundred yards

Improvised Cannon Exploded.

Two young men at Ackworth, Ga., imtion a new board of callins, was reversed at the annual village meeting in May, and the old board was reviected.

One hundred and fifty of the state's insuestantial two-story dwelling. David per transferred in May from Perly has built a cottage house, which has the company of the cast-inch cast-inch cast-inch cast-inch cast-inch cast-inch and provised a cannon by stopping up one end of a three-inch cast-inch water pipe. They were tamping a charge of powder three provised a cannon by stopping up one end of a three-inch cast-inch water pipe. been sold to Tom Doyle. Ernest Good-enough has erected for his own use a neat Hansworth, colored, was blown off; the story and a half cottage. H. F. Weather-head's cottage has been completed this year. Near by is a cottage house built by George Knowlton. Edgar Davenport, who also many minor injuries.

All on Board Were Drowned.

The four masted schooner Calvin P. Orcutt, Capt. Pearce of Perth Amboy, N. J., in ballast from Portland to Norfolk, Va., went ashore off Chatham, Mass., during the northeast blizzard Wednesday night and in the morning but little was left of the trim coaster. The unfortunate men dropped from the rigging one by one into the icy sea. The life savers were unable to launch a boat and when a rope was final y shot across the boat all of the sailors had

A terrific explosion of fire damp occurred in the mines of the Maule Coal company at Princeton, Ill., Saturday, and as a esult 12 men were instantly killed and four others dangerously injured.

Alfred Nobel, the Swedish engineer and chemist, who died at San Remo, Italy, Dec. 9, left a will, bequeathing his entire fortune, amounting in value to about \$10,-000,000, to the Stockholm university.

The Windsor hotel, four saloons, two clothing stores, a grocery, livery stable and two barber shops in the business cen-tre of Potsdam, N. Y., were burned Sun-day. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000. George E. Gage, senior member of the defunct brokerage firm of Gage & Felton of Boston, is said by the police to be a fugitive from justice. A warrant has been issued for his arrest charging him with the embezzlement of \$40,000.

Edward Pason Weston, the old time pedestrian, started to walk 112 miles in 24 hours at New York Friday. He was off the track only an hour and 45 minutes, and succeeded in covering over 103 miles. The performance is considered remarkable, as Weston is now 58 years old.

The Atlas national bank of Chicago will retire from business and the clearing house committee will advance the \$000,000 necessary to pay its depositors in full. The bank was organized in 1887 with \$700,000 capital. It is said to have had \$2,500,000 in deposits withdrawn during the past six H. W. Merriam, shoe manufacturer at

Newton, Mass., distributed \$6500 among his 350 employes on Christmas. Miles At-wood, an old employe of the factory, be-came financially embarrassed a few months ago and mortgaged his house to Mr. Mer-The mortgage was returned to him with his share of the employes' distribution. Gen. John Meredith Read, 59, diplomat, died in Paris Sunday from pneumonia. He was a native of Philadelphia, a graduate of Brown university and the Albany law school, and during the war was prominent in New York state in organizing, equip-ping and forwarding troops. He had been consul general to France and Algiers, consul general to Germany and minister to

Greece. George A. Durham, a Minneapolis alderman, was arraigned Thursday on an indictment charging him with soliciting a bribe of \$10,000 from Holversen, Richards & Co. of that city, in return for which he was to secure for them a contract for constructing a water works reservoir and the boulevard leading thereto. He plead-

ed not guilty.

The saloon of William Burdette of Chicago was held up Thursday night by six armed robbers who escaped with the day's armed robbers who escaped with the day's receipts amounting to \$100. There were two men in the saloon with Burdette when the robbers entered. They complied with the orders of the robbers to hold up their hands, but Burdette resisted and was shot

A Railroad Hor

Robbers Deraded a Train and 28 Persons Were killed by a Pall of 110 Feet, Only Nine Surviving

The most hornie rane south for seven Pars Sunday morning mar H when a passenger train train trestle to a river in other persons were us train was evidents Thes for the purpose of the survivors can give a co

A relief train from 8 a wrecking train which he feet from the bridge. The was nearly knocked on a passenger cars. Two men ing train were fatally injured, at others had legs broken. Many of the dead were

ecognition. The bridge was a ous wooden structure with an in the centre, and it was just ginning of the Iron-work that wreckers had pulled the spike moved one of the rails. neer discovered this, as was the position of his throttle u lever, he attempted to stop, but was ning at such a rate of speed as down the bridge.

The train was a local on the E ham Mineral road, a branch of o ville and Nashville system. of the locomotive, a baggage car a passenger cars. The passenger miners and their families who were advantage of the boliday excurain The total length of the bridge feet, with an iron span 110 feet lowith the next span beyond it went river, the water in which was only feet deep. The cars took fire and burned to the water's edge. The on of the train crew who escape! was spencer, the colored fireman, who ju from the engine when it was in mil He struck in the water and sustained a broken arm. Wild with fright, he for the nearest station to give the alan but before he reached there a farmer pas-ing saw the condition of affairs and we to a telegraph station with his horse at full speed. The passengers and training who were pinloned under the debris were burned to death in sight of other victims of the wreck. Some of the passengers not so badly hurt, managed to crawl ou and do all they could in assisting others

Brynn as a Star Lecturer. William J. Bryan delivered the first of a series of fifty lectures, for which he is to receive \$50,000, Wednesday night in At-Bryan's manager demands of local com-mittees to per cent of the receipts, which par for Winds must be guaranteed to equal \$3000 for each canted in every town. lecture. The lectures are expected to occur at intervals of about two weeks, so that the series may extend over two years.

Mr. Bryan's lecture last night was devotednesto to the development of ideas of government from their inception to the time when they hecome powerful enough to overturn par- A NITE

A fire in the post-office block at Ames bury, Mass., Sunday, damaged property valued at \$60,000.

tles and systems of government.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, who is 84 years old, fell while rising from her bed at Stamford, Conn., Monday and fractured her hip. It is stated that Spain made inquiry re-

garding the attitude of Great Britain, France and Italy in the event of war with the United States. It is said the Vatican Brattleb Otto Wasmansdorff, of the Chicago

nois, committed suicide Sunday. According to a Frankfort, Ky., despatch

Gov. Bradley intends to resign his office at an early date. He is reported to have said that "the place was killing him, and that he could not afford to stay in it until what little health he had was lost." The Hoffman House in Rockfori, Ill., was destroyed by fire Thursday night. The

fire started in the show window of a dry goods store, due to the whiskers of a "Santa Claus' figure becoming ignited from a gas The loss is placed at \$100,000. The Sultan has been notified that the agreement of the Powers upon the ques-

tion of the enforcement of reform in Turkey is perfect, and they demand that there shall be no delay on the part of the Porte in giving assent to the proposals. The Anglo-American treaty, under the terms of which all future disputes between the United States and Great Britain, not

governments, are to be referred to an arpitration tribunal, will probably be signed. this week. Alfred Holt, colored, charged with the murder of Policeman W. A. White, was taken from the jail at Owensboro, Ky., by a mob, early Saturday morning, and hanged to a tree in the courthouse yard. This made Kentucky's sixth lynching in as

Depositors in the Dime savings bank in Chicago were notified Monday that 90 days' notice would be required for the withdrawal of funds. President Grannis of the Atlas bank was the active power in the Dime savings bank, and it is stated that much of its money was loaned to customers of the Atlas bank.

Jules Sanguilly, the naturalized American citizen, charged in Havana with conspiracy against the Spanish government, was tried and found gullty last week, and Monday was sentenced to imprisonment for life. Sanguilly's counsel announced that he would appeal from the judgment of the tribunal to the supreme court at Madrid.

Of eight boys who were bitten by a mad dog in Baltimore on Dec. 1, three have since died—Robert Henry, aged 8 years, several days ago; Conrad Eppers, aged 15, on Friday, and Robert Perry, aged 14, on Saturday. The first symptoms in all three cases were nervousness and sore throats, death finally resulting from violent spasms. All of the boys who were bitten were inoc-ulated and treated at the Pasteur institute in New York.

Edward Winslow Lincoln, the father of the park system in Worcester, Mass., made a curious bequest in his will. It was that his body be cremated, and that his executor, in the presence of two members of the park commission, should carry the ashes to the summit of Newton's hill and there scatter them to the four points of the compass. Mrs. Lincoln disregarded the request and buried him in a cemetery in the regular manner.

Burton M. Main, a phrenologist and hyp-notist of Sheldon, Ill., is under arrest charged with hypnotizing Miss Mary Whitman of Jamestown, N. Y., and then mar-rying her. The bride had no recollection of the marriage, or events which followed it until the next day. 'The groom was ar-rested on complaint of the girl's parents, and she joins in the petition for release from the man, whom she claims is very objectionable to her, though in his presence she makes no complaint. The bride was engaged to be married to another young man, and claims to have had no thought

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You are hen ned that this court will de-cide upon the are of the account of Hosea Mann and L. F., atministrators upon the estate of Lucy de eased formerly co-trus-tee with said Biann, of Alice Languieu, mi-der the will of Fatch, late of Wilmington, in said district, out of the Brattleboro, in said district, out in day of December, A. D. 1896, when and you may be beard in the premises, if youngs.

The undersign rung been appointed by the Honorable Protings rung been appointed by the Honorable Protings to receive, examine and adjust all claims demands of all persons against the established Hay, late of Vernon, in said district, deed, and all claims exhibited in offset, thereto, by give notice that we will meet for the pure foresaid, at the residence of Erastus Tylerque 250 day of January, and 25th day of Maya, from 1 o'clock p M. until 4 o'clock p M. day for said days and that six months from them day of December is the time limited by it court for said creditors to present their claims us for examination and allowance. NOMMISSIERS NOTICE.

Dated at Vernathis 19th day of December A. D. 1896 52 CHAS VKSON, Commissioners

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